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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION GRANTED

ISSUE/MAILING DATE: 12/18/2007

Applicant is requesting reconsideration of a final refusal issued/mailed August 2, 2004.

The applicant's request for reconsideration does not raise any new issues but is a good faith, although incomplete, attempt to comply with all outstanding requirements or refusals. TMEP §715.03(a). Accordingly, applicant's request for reconsideration is *granted*. The response is incomplete because the applicant has failed either to include a proper claim of acquired distinctiveness with its disclaimer, or to amend to the Supplemental Register.

If the applicant chooses to do so by using the statutory suggestion of five years of use as proof of distinctiveness, the applicant should submit a claim of distinctiveness that reads as follows, if accurate.

The mark has become distinctive of the goods/scrvices through the applicant's substantially exclusive and continuous use in commerce for at least the five years immediately before the date of this statement.

The applicant must provide this statement supported by an affidavit or a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20. 37 C.F.R. §2.41(b); TMEP §1212.05(d).

The following is a properly worded declaration under 37 C.F.R. Section 2.20.

The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

(Signature)
(Print or Type Name and Position)
(Date)

The applicant has 30 days, or until the end of the six months from the final action, whichever is longer, to comply with the outstanding requirements or refusals. 37 C.F.R. §2.65(b). If the applicant fails to comply with the noted requirement of a proper claim of acquired distinctiveness, or does not amend to the Supplemental Register, or fails to respond, the application file will be returned to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board for resumption of the appeal.

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